(SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) In the last three oil years 1984-85 to 1986-87, the estimated production of edible oils was 103 lakh tonnes and imports were 40.44 lakh tonnes (Prov.). These quantities were available for consumption.

(b) The gap between the demand for and supply of edible oil in the country continues.

(c) The main reasons for the shortfall are (i) lower production of oilseeds during the last two years and (ii) way-ward behaviour of monsoon.

Vacant posts in Steel Plants under SAIL

2084. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts lying vacant in different steel plants under the SAIL, plant-wise; and since when these posts are lying vacant; and

(b) by when these posts are likely to be filled up and steps taken to fill up all the vacant posts, if any, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) Manpower studies in different steel plants indicates that there is surplus manpower in different areas of the steel plants. These studies are still continuing in SAIL. In these circumstances, there are no vacancies in the steel plants on an overall basis. However, whenever vacancies due to turnover or new requirements occur from time to time, these are filled up generally by promotion or redeployment, and recourse to outside recruitment is taken only for filling up key posts which cannot be manned from within.

Elections to Panchayat Bodies

2085. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the names of the States where elections to Panchayats were held at regular intervals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): Names of States/UTs where elections to Panchayats were held on dates between 1983 and 1987 are as under:

(1) Assam
(2)) Gujarat
(3) Haryana
(4) Himachal Pradesh
(5) Karnataka
(6) Madhya Pradesh
(7) Maharashtra
(8) Orissa
(9) Manipur
(10) Punjab
(11) Sikkim
(12) Tripura
(13) Tamil Nadu
(14) West Bengal
(15) Andaman & Nicobar Islands
(16) Arunachal Pradesh
(17) Chandigarh
(18) Dadra & Nagar Haveli
(19) Delhi
(20) Goa, Daman & Diu

Clearance of Schemes under ARWSP

2086. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is State-wise number of schemes received by Government under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) from 1st April, 1987 to 31st October, 1987;